

Subject: Kuehl Goes To Washington
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And now for something completely different! There was no regular Board meeting this week as all five Supervisors traveled to Washington DC, along with our CEO, the head of the County's newly established Health Agency, the Sheriff, our Board Executive Officer and key staff from our five offices, to discuss County issues and priorities, including health care funding, homelessness, housing, incarceration, diversion, budget and much more!

Some highlights:



My staff (from left: Angelica Ayala, Second Health Deputy, Sherry Gold, Justice Deputy and

Lisa Mandel, Chief Deputy) and I met with Congress Member Janice Hahn to discuss the whole host of County issues. (Janice is particularly interested, of course, as she seeks to succeed Don Knabe in December). I also had a great time catching up with Janice and Congress Member Julia Brownley (who, for years, represented much of our District in the Assembly) for a dinner of good food and even better conversation.



Along with Supervisors Solis and Knabe, and Sheriff McDonnell, we sat down with Congress Member Lucille Roybal Allard to talk about how the feds can help with the major public safety reforms we're instituting in the County, as well as a long conversation on homelessness and housing options.



I joined my Board colleagues, staff and County leadership for a meeting at the White House with HUD Secretary Julian Castro and several high ranking Assistants to the President to discuss homelessness, health funding, criminal justice and IT advancements.

Really good meeting!



We met with Congress Member Xavier Becerra in his office to consider ways to further engage our California House delegation in making certain that the new Medicaid rules don't disadvantage the County and the millions it serves through MediCal.



All aboard! The County delegation also visited briefly with both Senator Feinstein and Senator Boxer, who were in their respective Committees. No trip to the Capitol would be complete without a trip on the Senate Subway!

We also visited with Congress Members Adam Schiff, Linda Sanchez, Karen Bass, Alan Lowenthal (I had a truly fun dinner with the last two) and also had lunch with many members of our State delegation.

Overall, it was a very successful trip that will really help us partner with our allies in Washington to achieve the many priorities our Board has already identified in our relatively short time serving together.

Have a great week!



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